



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1075

January Session, 2011

* ____SB01075HSG__031011____ *

***AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HOUSING GRIEVANCE
PROCEDURES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-68f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 Each housing authority [which receives] that owns and operates
4 housing under part II or part VI of this chapter or that receives or has
5 received financial assistance under any state housing program, and the
6 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its subsidiary when said
7 authority or subsidiary is the successor owner of housing previously
8 owned by a housing authority under part II or part VI of this chapter,
9 shall, for housing which it owns and operates, (1) provide each of its
10 tenants with a written lease, (2) adopt a procedure for hearing tenant
11 complaints and grievances, (3) adopt procedures for soliciting tenant
12 comment on proposed changes in housing authority policies and
13 procedures, including changes to its lease and to its admission and
14 occupancy policies, and (4) encourage tenant participation in the
15 housing authority's operation of state housing programs, including,
16 where appropriate, the facilitation of tenant participation in the
17 management of housing projects. If such housing authority or the
18 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority or its subsidiary operates both
19 a federal and a state-assisted housing program, it shall use the same

20 procedure for hearing tenant grievances in both programs. The
 21 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall adopt
 22 regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to establish
 23 uniform minimum standards for the requirements in this section. Said
 24 commissioner shall publish notice of intent to adopt such regulations
 25 in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than September 1, 2011, and
 26 shall submit such regulations to the standing legislative regulation
 27 review committee, as provided in subsection (b) of section 4-170, not
 28 later than December 1, 2011. In accordance with section 11-4a, said
 29 commissioner shall submit a report on the adoption of such
 30 regulations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 31 having cognizance of matters relating to housing not later than
 32 February 1, 2012.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2011 | 8-68f |
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HSG *Joint Favorable Subst.*